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## CRUCIAL TALKS

### Encouraging Progress

New Delhi, Apr. 3. — A joint communique issued on behalf of the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan, now conferring here, said today that their conversations reviewed the situation in East and West Bengal and Assam "primarily with a view to devising ways and means that would solve the immediate and urgent problem of restoring a full sense of confidence among minorities in these areas."

The negotiations, which will deal with other common problems, will be resumed tomorrow, the communique said.

Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, was believed to have reported to the Indian Cabinet this morning on the opening meeting of the conference yesterday.

Well informed quarters here indicated tonight that the talks between the two Prime Ministers have made "satisfactory progress" and said that agreement had been reached on several points regarding the problem of minorities in East and West Bengal and Assam.

The two Prime Ministers had a meeting this afternoon which lasted two and a half hours.

For the first time today, the two Prime Ministers issued a joint press communique.

#### THE OBJECTIVE

According to informed quarters, the talks are aimed at restoring confidence among minorities in East and West Bengal and Assam means the settling up of machinery to inquire into the origin and extent of disorders in these areas and to suggest steps to prevent their recurrence.

Both Prime Ministers, in their recent public statements, have agreed that it should be the responsibility of both Governments to afford security and protection to minorities, to punish those guilty of crimes in the recent communal disturbances, to compensate and rehabilitate victims of disorders, recover looted property and punish ringleaders.

Some kind of machinery to achieve these declared objectives (Contd. on Page 5, Col. 6)

## INDIA-PAKISTAN

Li Tsung-jen  
In Washington



The U.S. Defence Secretary, Mr. Louis Johnson, greeting General Li Tsung-jen at Blair House in Washington. Left to right, the visiting Chinese are: Dr. Shao-Hwa Tan, of the Embassy, Gen. Li Tsung-jen, and Dr. Wellington Koo, the Ambassador. (London Express Service)

## Violent Battle In Indo-China

Saigon, Apr. 3. — An offensive by Vietminh insurgent forces, described here as their "most violent yet," had ended in a "burning defeat," a French communique said today.

The offensive has been raging for over a week in the Travinh Province, about 70 miles north of here.

"Very good" results were obtained when French aircraft battled to free a light reconnaissance group attacked by a strong Vietminh force, the communique added.

"Several fierce attacks, which led at times, to hand to hand struggles, were repulsed. Our soldiers and infantry surprised the assailants from the rear and forced them to retreat, leaving behind several hundred dead and wounded."

"Very important quantities of armaments fell into our hands." — Reuter.

## NO TRUCK WITH THE WITCH HUNTERS

### TRUMAN ORDERS SUB-POENAS TO BE IGNORED

Key West, Florida, Apr. 3. — President Truman formally announced on Monday that he had instructed the Secretary of State, the Attorney-General, and the chairman of the Civil Service Commission not to comply with subpoenas for the secret government loyalty files.

President Truman sent a letter to Senator Willard Tydings, chairman of the Senate subcommittee investigating alleged disloyalty in the State Department.

The subpoenas were served last week on the Attorney-General, Mr. Howard McGrath, the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and Mr. Harry Mitchell of the Civil Service Commission. They were ordered to appear on Tuesday before Senator Tydings' group with confidential files on a number of persons employed by or connected in some way with the State Department.

Mr. Truman wrote: "No President has ever complied with an order of the legislative branch, directing the executive branch to produce confidential documents, disclosure of which was considered by the President to be contrary to the public interest." He cited a long list of Presidents who stood on "responsibility of the executive branch to maintain the integrity of confidential information when its disclosure would be contrary to public interest." The President added: "I would be derelict in my duty if I failed to do so."

Meanwhile, in Washington, the Senate investigators put off until Thursday the defence testimony of Mr. Owen Lattimore, the Far Eastern expert whom Senator McCarthy charged as a Soviet spy.

Senator Theodore Green said that Mr. Lattimore had asked for additional time to prepare his reply to McCarthy's charges. Mr. Green also announced that the investigators had postponed until Tuesday the subpoena to whether to subpoena McCarthy's documents. The delay was necessary because Chairman Millard Tydings of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was not yet back from his trip to Europe. Mr. Tydings arrived in Washington from The Hague, where he attended the Atlantic Pact defence strategy meeting.

Senator Joseph McCarthy suggested on Monday that the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, had not told "the truth" about his connections with Mr. Owen Lattimore. Mr. Acheson said last week he does not recall ever having met Mr. McCarthy, and denied McCarthy's charges that "architect" of the administration's Far Eastern policy.

Senator McCarthy said in a formal statement that he knows of Mr. Lattimore's secret recommendations to the State Department that unless Mr. Acheson makes them public "immediately," he will reveal them himself. "It is extremely disturbing to find that Congress and the American people cannot depend upon the truthfulness of the men who hold the highest and most honoured positions that the nation can give them. Certainly the American people are entitled to truth from the Secretary of State," United Press.

## Malicious Campaign Against Mr Strachey Persists: Denounced In London

### CRYPTIC STATEMENT BY U.S. DEFENCE SECRETARY

London, Apr. 3. — The smear campaign against the War Minister, Mr John Strachey, with whom is now involved Mr Shinwell, the Defence Minister, is prominently featured in both the British and American newspapers.

Today, an official spokesman of the Government denounced sharply the American news agency report from The Hague that the British and American military chiefs had arranged to keep confidential information from the War Minister, Mr John Strachey.

The spokesman said: "If those who are employed by them in London to interpret political life in this country to America did not, as soon as they saw this story, inform their head office that it could not conceivably be true, they ought to have done."

"They were told by telephone that the story was obviously untrue, and if they did so inform their head office, and the head office still insisted on running the story, then I can only say that the agency's boasted love of facts is nothing but hypocrisy."

No questions have yet been lodged in the House of Commons by the Opposition seeking information about the report, but it is possible that some may be asked within the next day or so.

The New York Times said in a dispatch from The Hague today that "some important American officials concerned with the military security of the United States would like to see Mr John Strachey replaced as the British War Secretary."

"They appear to be trying to force a change indirectly, making their feelings known to the British Government," the newspaper declared.

The dispatch, from Sidney Grupe, noted that both Mr Emanuel Shinwell and Mr Louis Johnson had denied an American news agency report that Mr Shinwell had agreed that certain military secrets should be kept from Mr Strachey.

## Homes In Sea Of Rubble

London, Apr. 3. — Rain-soaked earthquake refugees, many of whom had fled on Saturday night from a cinema showing the "Last Days of Pompeii," returned from the hills tonight to find their homes level with a sea of rubble.

This worst series of earth tremors in 40 years also hit Pisa, city of the Leaning Tower. An examination of the Tower today showed no increase in its lean, though the ground had trembled beneath it.

Collapsing war-damaged buildings injured five people in Leghorn on Saturday and Sunday. No deaths were reported. — Reuter.

## HOWRAH CLASH

Calcutta, Apr. 3. — One person was killed when police opened fire today on "miscreants" stated to be responsible for arson in a village of the Howrah district, a West Bengal Government communique announced.

The communique said there was no other incident in Calcutta or Howrah today. — Reuter.

## BELGIAN POLITICAL CRISIS

### King Leopold Sticks To His Guns

Geneva, Apr. 3. — King Leopold of the Belgians today formally reaffirmed that he would abdicate by a decision of Parliament alone.

But the terse communique issued after King Leopold saw the Liberal Premier-designate, M. Albert Devez, did not indicate whether the King meant a joint session of the two Houses or separate sessions.

This was the issue which brought down the Catholic Liberal coalition three weeks ago.

A joint session would give the Catholics the only Party who wholly support the King's return after five years in exile — a small majority. In separate sessions they are two votes short of a majority in the Lower House, but might get support from Monarchist Liberals.

The Liberal statesman—the third Belgian to try to form a Government since the coalition fell—spent 90 minutes at the King's lovely lakeside villa today. He had tried unsuccessfully to settle the crisis by a compromise under which King Leopold would return, then abdicate later in favour of his 10-year-old son, Prince Baudouin.

He was expected to give up the Cabinet-forming attempt on his return to Brussels, probably tonight.

The communique, read to correspondents by one of the King's principal Secretaries soon after M. Devez left the villa, said, "M. Devez informed the King of his consultations with a view to forming a new Government. The King confirmed his position as stated in his declaration of March 10."

"Trustworthy private information supported the official denial of the story," the dispatch said. "However, some United States officials have privately expressed their belief in the past week that it would be wiser to keep certain information from Mr Strachey because of his Communist sympathies in the 1930s." — Reuter.

#### UP TO SHINWELL

Washington, Apr. 3. — The American Defence Secretary, Mr Louis Johnson, said on arrival here today that it was up to the British Defence Minister, Mr Emanuel Shinwell, to decide whether Atlantic Pact secrets would be given to the British War Secretary, Mr John Strachey, or not.

Just back from the Atlantic Defence Ministers' meeting at The Hague, Mr Johnson told reporters that there was no agreement among the American Joint Chiefs of Staff to withhold information from Britain as long as Mr Strachey was War Minister.

He said that he had concurred with one paragraph of a statement prepared by Mr Shinwell, paragraph which denied that American military chiefs had agreed to hold back information from Britain.

But he had refused to sign the statement, Mr Johnson said.

#### VERY PLEASANT

He declared that in his own capacity as Secretary of Defence, he had dealt only with Mr Shinwell, and would continue to do so.

Asked whether information given to Mr Shinwell would be passed on to Mr Strachey, Mr Johnson replied, "That is his own doing."

His own relations with Mr Shinwell had been very pleasant, he said, adding, "I took a great part in the meeting. No one took a more helpful part. He contributed much to the unanimity of the programme." — Reuter.

## Hundreds Flee Flood Peril

Sydney, Apr. 3. — Hundreds abandoned their homes and fled from rising flood waters in New South Wales today as torrential rain turned rich farm land into an inland sea.

The swollen Macquarie and Lachlan rivers, sprawling over their banks, have cut off towns and roads under water and cut off rail and telephone communications.

The Wagga Wagga district, devastated by floods last week, faces a new threat, and were rich farm lands in Victoria, where hundreds have left their homes and thousands of acres are under water. — Reuter.

## Two U-Boats Off US Coast

San Francisco, Apr. 3. — The captain of a United States destroyer sent to search for mysterious submarines reported off the California coast, stated today that he made two contacts with what "from all indications," appeared to be U-boats of the latest design.

"One dived and the other conducted evasive tactics, which we tracked for about one hour," he said. The captain said it was his opinion that a former submarine officer that the contacts had been submarines.

The United States Navy said that no American submarines were operating in the area concerned. — Reuter.

## AND STILL IN HER SCANTIES

Paris, Apr. 3. — Nicole Riche, 23-year-old French actress and the star of James Hadley Chase's "No Orchids for Miss Blandish," today admitted to an Examinant Magistrate that her alleged "kidnapping" from the Grand Guignol (world-famous "horror" theatre) was a complete hoax.

Miss Riche said the spectacular "kidnapping" stunt had been organised at the instigation of the theatre manager, Alexandre Dumas.

Several days of speculation in the French press whether or not the "disappearance" of the blonde, dark-eyed Nicole between the acts of last Thursday's show was a publicity stunt or not.

News of her "disappearance" after leaving her dressing room with a fur coat slung over her negligee she wore in Act 2 has for days occupied the headlines of the French press, accompanied by photographs of her in a variety of scantily-dressed poses.

The police of all France searched for her for three days and then on Saturday Miss Riche reappeared in the company of many newspapermen who had "found" her in the forests outside Paris. She was still in her scanties. — Reuter.

## Adding To The Mystery

Avon, California, Apr. 3. — An ex-German World War I corporal from Detroit, who was imprisoned during World War for helping a German airman to escape, rented a motorboat here last Saturday and disappeared.

A few hours later an unidentified submarine was sighted off the South California coast 120 miles away.

Constable K. McDavid said that investigating officers had noted the coincidence but had "no concrete evidence" to connect the two events. The ex-German corporal, Theodore Donay, aged 51, a naturalized American citizen, left his wallet as security for the boat he hired. The boat was later found at sea with the lights on and the engines turned off. — Reuter.

## DOCK STRIKE FEAR LIFTED

London, Apr. 3. — The immediate threat of another spring strike on the London docks was removed today when the Communist-led committee of the rebel dockers called off their week-old ban on overtime work.

However the committee's claim that the ban had been 90 percent effective, was disputed by management officials. They said no more than 12 ships had been delayed daily, and that the ban was lifted because of poor response among ten dockers. It had been feared at first that the movement would blossom into a general dock strike. — United Press.

#### EDITORIAL

### An Embarrassing Conflict

FOR peace of mind, both official and public, the sooner there is final settlement of the ultimate fate of the 71 aircraft which operated until last year in China and now are grounded at Kai Tak, the better. Their presence in Hongkong, with their legal ownership the subject of dispute, offers the Colony nothing but embarrassment, the more disturbing because the underlying issues have, unfortunately, reached an international level. Hongkong did not want these planes, nor have anything to do with them, and far above anything else, the Colony certainly did not and does not relish being compulsorily placed in the position of legal arbitrator, determining their future one way or the other. Their presence at the aerodrome clutters up the assemblage area. Whatever the final result of the long-drawn-out litigation, with its complications involving party rights and international law, one side will almost assuredly be displeased and will make no bones about expressing resentment. Trying to play mediator seldom evokes any thanks, and when politics attempt to force their way into the forefront, the difficulty automatically increases, despite Hongkong's very clear position, merely that of adjudicator on the basis of accepted law. For that reason, the interventions in the House of Commons are much to be deplored. Hongkong's part in the business has been scrupulously correct, and it creates a wrong impression, gravely wrong, when questioners in Parliament so phrase their approach to the Colonial Secretary, or his Under-Secretary, as to suggest, in broad terms, that executive action could be sponsored from Whitehall. Particularly, when Air Commodore A. V. Harvey, if he has been adequately reported, puts his

argument on the level that while it is extraordinary for Britain, accepting aid from the United States, to hand over aircraft to the Communist Government, he would not mind if the People's Government in Peking had responded to the recognition which the British Government gave them. Mr Harvey denies any intention of alighting the legal authorities in the Colony, and that will be accepted. It is, however, an intellectual exploit to follow the argument that an act possibly justified by the establishment of proper diplomatic relations, loses its validity when the party concerned prefers to hedge. Britain's association with the Peking regime, good or ill-favoured, is entirely beside the point. The only matter involved is the legal adjudication, and that cannot be discussed, outside the courts, because the case is sub judice. As Mr John Dugdale revealed on Friday, an appeal has been lodged by representatives of the Chinese Nationalists, and the further representations are to be heard before a higher court towards the end of this month. In the meantime, Sunday's sabotage, causing damage to seven of the grounded planes, is disturbing. The immediate reaction that it reflects on the Hongkong authorities has much reasoning behind it. Troublesome though the business undoubtedly is, circumstances have placed the aircraft into the control of the Government, and forced on them a legal conflict. Responsibility on one hand rests with the Hongkong courts, but the responsibility for protection of the planes from saboteurs rests with the Hongkong authorities. The C.N.A.C. protest and demand for effective guardianship was to be expected. That there must be measures to prevent a recurrence should be axiomatic.



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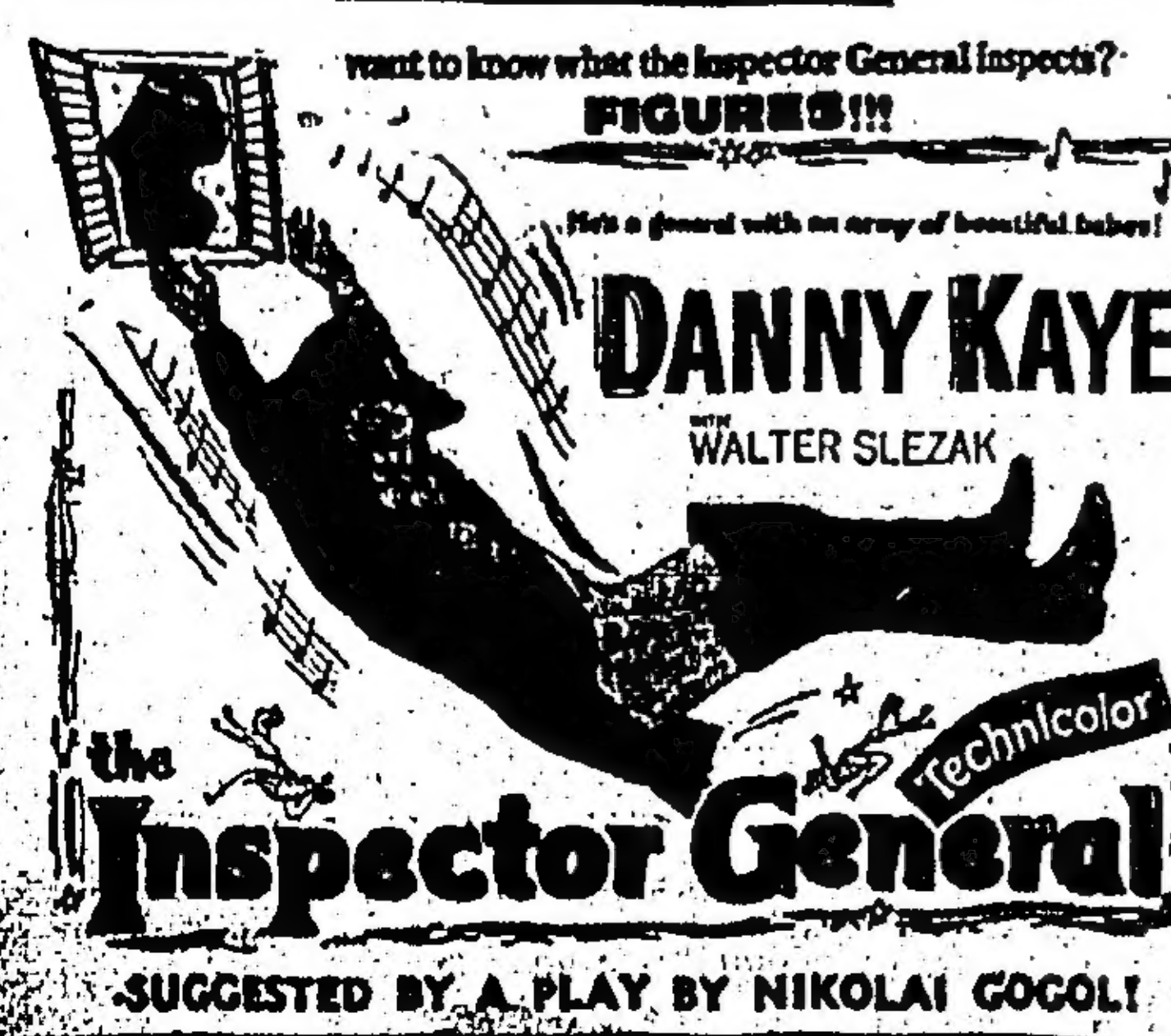
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## WOMANSENSE

## A Night-Club Fashion Note



A night-club fashion note: black velvet cap embroidered with sequins, suit of black silk, wide flounced cuffs trimmed with old Italian lace—as worn by actress April Stirling. —London Express Service.

## Does Fashion History Repeat Itself?

"History never repeats itself, even in fashion," says Herman Delman, who has been designing beautiful shoes for beautiful women for many fashion years.

"More fussiness has no place in our lives and will not return," he says. "But shorter skirts and straighter lines in clothes inevitably put the spotlight on the feet and legs."

## CATCH THE EYE

And so the Spring 1950 Delman designs are eye-catching in a new, rather abstract outline that seems to be sculptured on the foot. The effect is light, pliable and almost fragile, but balance and exquisite workmanship make them durable and comfortable for walking.

A "street sandal" open at the back or designed of narrow strips, is made of standard street leathers—patent, dark or coloured calf, suede or reptile—is tailored and simple enough to wear from morning till night.

Watch for the open look and the asymmetric lines that have affected that beloved Delman classic, the opera pump.

Though Herman Delman still maintains his well known loyalty to the simple, perfect pump, there are a dozen variations in a group called "Pumps With a Difference."

These are still the balanced beauties that they always were, but with scalloped shell curves, high pointed backs, narrow

cross straps above a low-cut shell shape, open work flower patterns on the vamp and deep V openings on the toe over which is set a buckle of contrasting leather.

## LOTS OF BOWS

Bows of all types from the flat-inlaid to the true feminine bowknots are used throughout as a decorative motif.

In the collection are blonde and lacy shoes of calf, kid, suede, shantung or linen to which you match your stockings and wear with sports clothes, beige wools, cottons and evening chiffons. Pale shell beige, blonde, ginger and nut-shell are among the tones in open and shell pumps. But navy and red, Mr. Delman believes, are the two top colour ratings for spring.

## A LENTEN DISH

WITH Lenten meals to cope with, here is a satisfying meatless fare.

Stuffed eggs served with a creamy curry sauce and lots of flaky boiled rice makes an excellent hearty main dish for a meatless dinner.

To make, cook 9 eggs just below the boiling point in water to cover for 20 mins. Peel and cut in lengthwise halves. Remove yolks and mash with 3 tsp. butter, 12 tsp. each dry mustard, salt, paprika, and 1 tsp. anchovy paste. When smooth, fill the white roundings full with the mixture. Melt 2 tsp. butter. Add 1 tsp. flour mixed with 1 tsp. curry powder; stir well to mix. Add 2 c. milk; stir until thickened and boiling. Add 1 tsp. grated onion, 1/4 c. cream and salt to season. Add eggs, cover and reheat over hot water. Arrange eggs on a bed of fluffy boiled rice and pour sauce over all.

## Colour Scheme For Spring



NAVY splashed with white is always a good colour prescription, but when it is used to herald the advance new spring fashions it seems to be at its most striking. Navy silk rep is the fabric of a good-looking afternoon dress that can be worn with or without the white silk faille pointed collar and cuffs. Three large, covered buttons close the bodice. Pantier-type pockets are at the hips, an inverted flared pleat at centre front, and a gored back, mark the skirt.

## It's The Peacock, Not Hen, That Spreads The Gorgeous Fan —

By WILLIAM R. SEARS

NEW YORK. If a woman trails into a clothing store, next time "he" plans to buy a suit, she, more than he, can expect the red carpet to be rolled out.

The Wool Bureau has surveyed more than 5,000 retail clothing salesmen and discovered women have a hand in 75 percent of all apparel purchases.

What's more, they've discovered that men today are more clothes-conscious than ever before.

So when the little woman sits down with a critical eye to see how that gabardine drapes, her eye is likely to fall on a little booklet the salesman will shove before her.

## Main Points to Watch

It's called "Male Plumage—How Women Can Improve It." In it, she'll find these main points to watch for to insure good fitting:

1. His coat must be long enough to cover the seat of his trousers.
2. The coat collar should be set low enough on his neck to show half an inch of shirt collar, the tapered sleeves should permit half an inch of shirt cuff.
3. The coat should not break at

the middle button and bulge in the rear.

4. His vest must cover the trouser waist band.
5. His trousers should hang straight from the thighs and must have plenty of seat room.

Back of this educational campaign are some of America's leading manufacturers.

## Time Has Changed

F. Eugene Ackerman, spokesman for the Wool Bureau, said he discovered that the "average" work, paid, vacations, the car and airplane have contributed to turning men's attention to clothes.

Three points for the basis of Mr. Everyman's wardrobe. A business suit runs the gamut of fabrics and styles. There is the "dress up" which waits for special occasions. A country ensemble has the sporty flair.

"If you ever go to the zoo," Ackerman said, "you see the peacock breathlessly spread that gorgeous fan. You think it's the female, eh? It's the male."

## Blouse Trends In Paris

SO much attention has been paid necklines and sleeves at the Paris couture openings that blouse designs are bound to feel the impact. Here are some trends compiled from the many collections which are most likely to have an impact on blouses and to prove inspirational material for summer fashions.

LINGERIE NECKLINES are strongly advocated and may portend the return of the jabot, ruff and lacey froth of all types. Lafaurie starches lingerie bands to underline collars and cuffs. Fath favours pleated sheer Pierrot ruffles.

FOCUS IS ON COLLARS to a big degree. The starched white collar is on the upgrade. Dior does a nun-like version. Rochas presents the "moustache" collar—a little starch wing shape with velvet bowties shaped like the moustache of the '20s. Fath and Heim continue the Eton style and Puritan collars extending onto shoulders also appear.

BILLowing SLEEVES continue to be featured although the general silhouette is not as bouffant as before. There are multitudes of bouffant sleeves, some bracelet length coming from low, rounded yokes; some set in and puffed; some in gathered, elbow length batwing cuts. Deep, interesting armholes are notable. The X cut



By GRACE THORNCLEIFFE

A WARDROBE WONDER that is gaining wide acceptance is the overskirt, designed to change beautifully a slim frock, giving it a really different appearance. This dramatic evening dress is smart on its own as a topless black skirt sheath fourteen inches from the floor. For a really big evening, on goes an overskirt of black nylon net that fastens at the buttoned hip pockets and cascades in a shower of net, short at the sides, to the floor in the back.

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silhouette at Lanvin is drawn from a crossed bloused back resulting in full, unmounted sleeves.

SLEEVLESSNESS is again strongly favoured. In place of sleeves there is shoulder interest from broad shoulder insets slightly overlapping the arm in cuff-like treatments, points or brief bell shapes. There are several types of removable sleeves, one having invisible snaps for quick changes.

SHIERS HAVE STRENGTH—Many chiffon, batiste and lace were shown. More fabric interest is evidenced in quantities of silk shantung, pique and lots of ribbon trimming. Bead embroidery returns in a big way for evening.

Novelty blouses from Denise et Miel include a pale blue toile model. A slit above the bust adds interest to the décolletage, whose "walstcoat points" are well liked in the couture. The transformable collar is lined in navy self fabric.

Short sleeved shirts with flouncy fronts in cracked nylon and sleek ensembles of pucker-nylon are also in the spring Denise et Miel collection. In the pique and batiste group pique is use as trimming.

Dressy blouses often have bateau decolletes trimmed with Chantilly.

## New Hope For The Child Heart Patient

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

HERE is encouraging news for those who suffer with heart trouble. For with the development of new methods of X-ray examination and new anaesthesia, as well as new surgical methods, many heart disturbances, which were once considered impossible to correct, have been overcome by operations.

One of these conditions is known as patent ductus arteriosus. This is a condition in which an opening present in the heart before birth does not close as it should soon after birth.

The heart of patients with this disorder must pump from two to two and one-half times as much blood as is normal. Before the second year of life, most children with this condition develop a loud heart murmur, or an abnormal sound during the beating of the heart. Almost all of these patients have a high pulse pressure, which is the difference in pressure when the heart contracts and when the heart relaxes.

The heart becomes enlarged as time passes. Children with patent ductus arteriosus do not develop normally, and many of them are likely to contract an infection of the heart valves. Unless the condition is corrected, the life expectancy is greatly shortened.

With careful physical examination, X-ray examination and an electrocardiogram or electric tracing of the heart beat, this condition can be accurately diagnosed.

Between Four And Eight

The best time for operation for this condition is between the fourth and eighth years of life, but it may be done earlier if necessary. However, as a rule most doctors feel that the operation should not be done earlier unless there is evidence of great heart strain. Less than one out of 100 of these patients succumb to the operation.

And here is more good news. For still another condition which has recently been corrected by operation is one known as coarctation of the aorta. The aorta is the large blood vessel coming from the heart. Coarctation means that the aorta is narrowed.

Symptoms of this disorder consist of increased blood pressure in the arms and a very low blood pressure in the legs, with headaches and dizzy spells, and, sometimes, a haemorrhage into the brain and enlargement of the heart. Many such patients have leg cramps after mild exercise. This condition was first operated on in human beings in 1945. It should be corrected during childhood, preferably between the fifth and tenth years.

## The Eyes Have It, So Keep Them Lovely With Constant Care



If lashes and eyebrows have become brittle, they'll soon be soft and lustrous again, says Movie Star Joan Leslie, if you apply eyelash cream.

By HELEN FOLLETT

HERE is a good looks "must!" Whether you make up your eyebrows and lashes or not, you should always, every time you apply powder at your dressing table, remove the powder from them with a tiny brush. If the brush is then dipped in liquid brillian- tine and passed over the eyebrows, setting them carefully in place and line, the effect is charmingly finished and the eyebrows carry lustre.

The brows, that contribute so much to the feminine face, must be carefully shaped, the strays outside the fold removed. The treatment given at a beauty shop in the way of arching is likely to be more satisfactory than home cure. But keep one fact in mind; plucking to "more line of smile" marching off to the death to the charm of facial expression, is no longer in good taste.

If you do your own plucking, apply a hot moist compress beforehand. The shafts will come out more easily and you are not likely to be dissolved in tears. Pull in the same direction in which the shafts

emerge from the flesh; then they will not break, leaving a horrid little black stubby silver.

Too wide a separation of the eyebrows is a mistake. The inner terminal should be exactly at the same point as the inner corner of the eye. The far end can extend beyond the eye. That is following nature's pattern.

If the eyelashes are short, the growth incage, make it a practice to bathe the eyes night and morning first in warm water, then in cold. This practice stimulates the blood streams upon which the silky threads live and thrive and have their being.

Dry gently, apply a little mineral oil to the roots. The oil will do no harm if it gets into the eyes. It has been known to produce long, up-tilled valances for which every girl yearns who hasn't got them.

Inflammation of the lids should have immediate attention as it may thin the growth of the eyelashes. Never touch your eyes with a gloved finger; that may lead to infections.



## Menu From a Famous Hotel

RECENTLY the Chef and I had an opportunity to watch home-baking on a grand scale. We sat in the balcony of the grand ballroom in the Waldorf watching 100 homemakers baking their best specialty. They came from every part of the United States and Alaska, and they were competing for prizes ranging from \$1,000 to \$50,000 offered by one of America's largest flour companies.

The luncheon was really de luxe, keeping with the sumptuous prizes awarded to the winners.

## Waldorf Menu for Bake-Off Luncheon

Stuffed Avocado Pear Royale with Crabmeat Topped with Caviar  
Hearts of Celery  
Ripe and Green Olives  
Sautéed Chicken  
Breast of Native Guinea Hen Served with Mushrooms Under Glass  
Minnesota Wild Rice  
New String Bean Sauce  
Pride of Virginia Ham  
Leaves of Lettuce  
Bibb's Salad  
Decorated with Strawberries and Chocolate Leaves  
Golden Sabayon Sauce  
Crouquants  
Small Madelines  
Chefs' Demi Tasse

"Chef, this is a sumptuous and very expensive luncheon. But I think we can suggest a menu to our readers that would taste equally good at a reasonable price, and also look glamorous."

For example, we can make a fine avocado hors d'oeuvre with one-fourth of an avocado for each person, and omit the caviar.

"Many of our readers have home-made pickles they can substitute for the olives. Chef, instead of breast of guinea hen with mushrooms under glass, let's have your delicious veal and mushrooms in a glass casserole."

Dinner  
Avocado Crab Hors d'Oeuvres  
Veal and Mushrooms en Casserole  
Rice  
Shredded String Beans  
Lettuce Bouquet with Sliced Ham  
Ice Cream Pie  
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)  
Include enriched bread or rolls with butter or margarine  
All Measurements Are Level  
Recipes Serve Four

First prepare the filling as follows: Open 1 (7 oz.) tin chicken. Drain; remove the skin and flake the crab. Add 1/2 tsp. lemon juice, 3 chopped stuffed olives, 1 tsp. minced celery and mayonnaise or Thousand Island dressing to barely blend. Chill. To serve, cut 1 large avocado in halves. Remove the skins, and cut the avocado lengthwise, then in quarters. Place each in a nest of lettuce; heap with the crab salad and top with 1 tsp. mayonnaise or Thousand Island dressing and a stuffed olive.

Veal and Mushrooms on Casserole

Cut the meat from 3 lb. knuckle of veal into bite-sized pieces. In a heavy frying pan melt 2 tsp. butter or margarine with 1/2 tsp. sugar. Add 1 peeled medium-sized onion, sliced, and slow-try and stir until the onion is yellowed. Add the veal and stir until it is well coated. Then pour in 1 qt. boiling water; add the grated rind 1/4 lemon, 1 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. pepper. When bubbling rapidly, transfer to a casserole. Cover and slow-bake at 325-350 F. for 2 hrs. Half an hr. before it will be done, cream together 3 tbsp. flour and 2 tsp. butter or margarine. Add 2 tsp. soured cream, stir until blended then add to the cooking veal. Stir in 1/4 lb. fresh mushrooms which have been slightly sautéed and an additional 1/4 c. soured cream. Cover and finish baking.

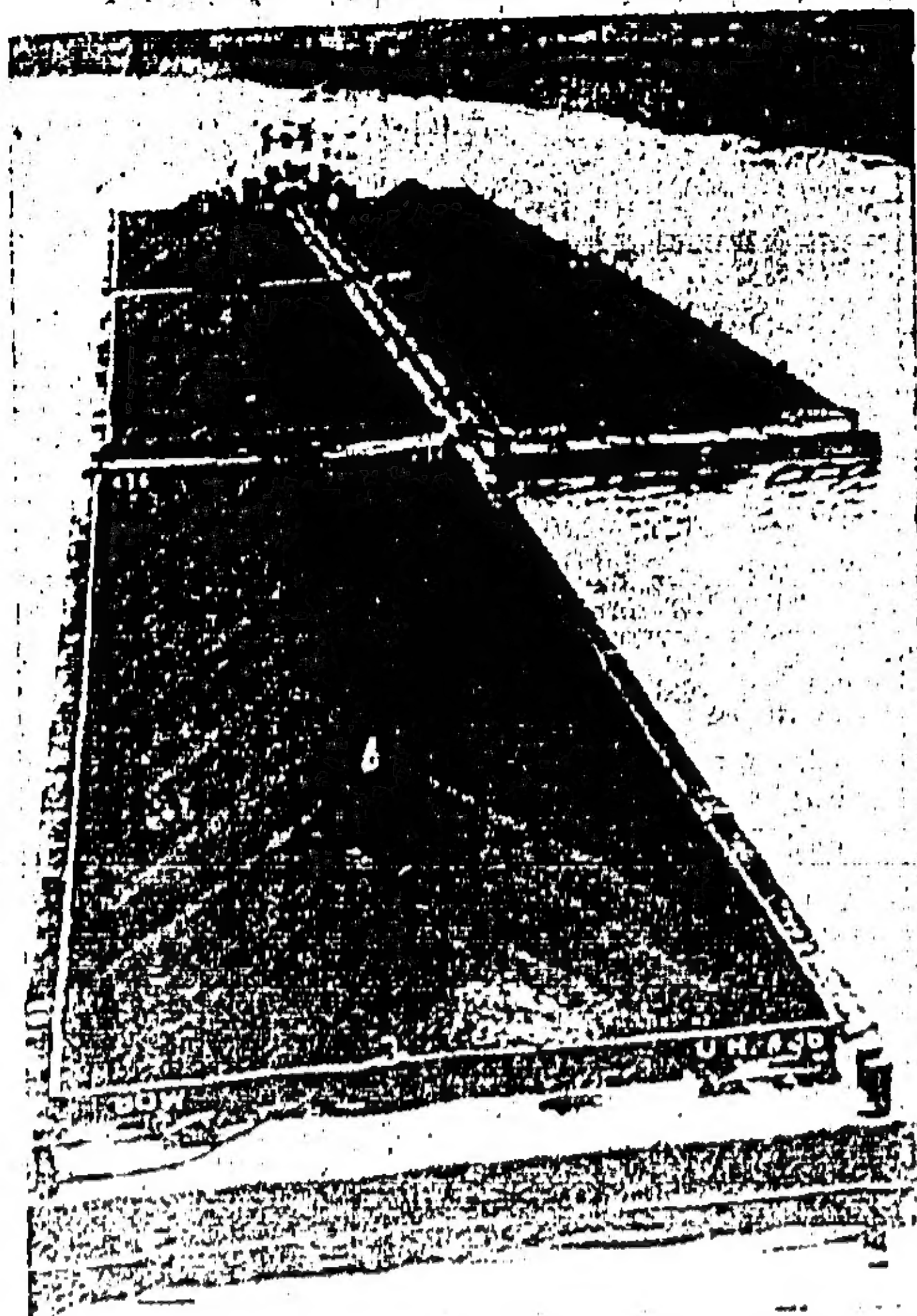
Lettuce Bouquet with Sliced Ham

Wash 1 medium-sized head Boston or iceberg lettuce. Drain, dry and crisp. Reconstruct this on a large round platter in the form of the original head of lettuce. Around the edge stand up small thin slices of smoked Virginia ham, or use tenderloin ham baked in Virginia style. Serve 2 slices of the ham and a portion of lettuce on each plate. Pass French dressing made with 6 tsp. olive-oil or salad oil, 1 tsp. elder vinegar, 1 tsp. lemon juice, 1/4 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. fresh black pepper beaten to-gether.

Suggestion Of The Chef: The veal and mushrooms can be served en-casserole, or on thin slices of French toast from which the crust has been removed. Garnish each serving with a sautéed whole mushroom cap.



## FIRST SINCE STRIKE



Five barges, with a total load of 6,000 tons of coal, arrive at a power plant in Chicago. This is the first coal received by the company since the end of the coal strike. The shipment went by rail and river from the central Illinois fields. (Acme)

## Biggest Jumble Sale In History

Clearing up after the biggest war in history is no child's play. Nearly five years after VE-Day, the Ministry of Supply Disposals staff has still not reached the end of its sales of surplus stores, although the organisation has been reduced considerably. The original staff of 3,248 in the U.K. has now been reduced to 613.

Now nearing the end of its fourth year of operations, the Disposals organisation has handled transactions valued at approximately £660,000,000. Both in the well-known theatres of war and remote places like the Seychelles, St Helena, the Falklands and Borneo, were dumps of stores worth millions.

Surplus goods have proved a boon in many households. Few people, however, realise just how wide has been the range of goods coming under the heading of Government surplus.

An idea of the scale of the enterprise is given by the fact that since 1946 the Ministry has disposed 20,000 aeroplanes of 144 different makes; 24,000,000 yards of textile piecegoods; 241,000 machine tools to help to re-equip British industry; over 600,000 vehicles; 300,000,000 spare parts; over 1,000,000 tyres and 250,000 bicycles.

The organisation has given help in various emergencies—

the fuel crisis, the railway locomotive shortage, the scarcity of non-ferrous metals, its even helped to keep the Berlin Air Lift working smoothly.

The fuel crisis of 1947 produced a sudden, immediate demand for generating sets, and the Disposals Branch was besieged by manufacturers anxious to obtain any means of maintaining electric power.

Valuable aid was also given to meet Britain's need of locomotives, when arrangements were made for 700 "muscular" main line type locos, built during the war for service in Europe, to be transported and put into service here.

## CHOKED WITH WORK

As home railway repair shops became choked with work, the Disposals Branch arranged for the repair in Belgian workshops of 250 from France, Germany and Belgium, and maintained a spare depot near Brussels in support of the contracts.

Specialised staff, with knowledge of bridge construction and of a mass of road, railway, marine and Bailey bridge components were able to meet bridging needs both at home and abroad.

Surplus medical stores provided a conundrum. Careful and skilled grading was required to make sure that drugs and equipment were not in a condition that made them useless or harmful and there were large quantities of North American medical stores not produced in British specifications for which spares were not available.

By the middle of 1946, however, arrangements were made by which the Ministry of Health could earmark surpluses for the use of hospitals.

## SALES TO UNRRA

Substantial quantities were consequently bought for the hospital services, and large blocks of stores were sold to UNRRA, the British Red Cross and to several foreign countries. Special aid was also given in medical research.

One section of this staff had the unspectacular task of re-distributing and disposing of paper and cardboard waste, cartons, crates, boxes and

packaging materials. One of their main causes for satisfaction came with the need for the Berlin Airlift, when they were able to supply 30,000 urgently needed containers.

Industry benefited again by the supplies of non-ferrous metals recovered from the breakdown of ammunition and battlefield scrap. About 200,000 tons of scrap were dealt with in refineries, and the virgin metal obtained made a useful contribution to home requirements and saved hard currency.

The end of the war found many universities and other research and educational bodies short of equipment. Again Disposals stepped in, and sent from as far away as India and Pakistan bought apparatus.

One outstanding example of what was achieved with these surplus stores was the construction of the "electric brain" at the Cambridge Mathematical Laboratory. Though not built entirely from Disposals items, they formed the main part and included 12,500 valves.

## 800,000 BARGAINS

The auctioneer's hammers have fallen in these sales of over 800,000 separate bargains. Despite their size and the large amounts they raise, the auctions have a touch of the village jumble sale about them and illustrate the enormous range of goods covered by the simple word "Government Surplus". A typical sale at Woolwich Arsenal recently, for example, included a two-ton weighing machine, electric motors, electrical and wireless equipment, an icecream cabinet, 14 incomplete portable gramophones, dentists' chairs and a vast amount of clothing.

At Hounslow Heath, in another recent sale, large quantities of sewing machines, hammers, bedlins, hand tools and sports equipment were auctioned along with 164 pairs of leather boots, 52 pneumatic drills, 30 pounds of talcum powder and 17 drain pipes.

And it is noteworthy that of the total sum raised by the Ministry's Disposals Organisation, only a small percentage has been taken in operating costs.

## Jobs Sought For 18,000 Graduates

The Canadian Labour Department is stepping up its drive to find jobs for a record 18,000 graduates leaving Canadian universities this spring.

In normal years, colleges graduated about 9,500 students. Last year, first of the abnormally-swollen post-war classes, some 17,000 high-grade job hunters streamed out of colleges.

A large percentage of 1950's record crop would be war veterans, Labour Department officials said, and many would have exhausted their funds and would need jobs in a hurry.

Top-level Department officials admitted that the task of finding jobs for all would be difficult, but they said they believed most graduates would eventually be placed.

Reason for their optimism in the face of a somewhat deteriorating labour market was that a hitherto untapped employment field was being exploited.

## UNEXPLORED FIELD

The Labour Department and the National Employment Service were extending their job-seeking efforts into a relatively unexplored field. They were approaching the thousands of smaller employers in Canada whom they said "until now have given little thought to the place

which graduates can play in their businesses."

More than 15,000 letters already had gone out to employers whose names were listed on a master file in the Department in Ottawa. The list was constantly being amended and added to.

The advance response to our letters has been very encouraging," one placement officer said. "Replies now are being classified to form the basis for this year's list of job openings."

The questionnaire-letter phase of the campaign would be supplemented to the extent of getting range and on-the-spot field work by the scores of National employment offices across the country, officials said.

Universities with their own employment bureaux would be assisted by the NES executive and professional division and by the technical personnel branch of the Labour Department, officials said. This was in addition to NES employment offices maintained at many colleges throughout the academic year.

## TRAINING IN THINKING

The Government's placement activities, especially those beyond the universities' scope, would provide blanket national coverage of both employers and students. They would give equal emphasis to problems of students in every faculty.

"University training is, after all, a training in thinking, and a trained mind is an asset in any business or industry," was the way one official put it. "A young man who has proved himself to the extent of getting a degree, and who has real interest in a particular type of work, will very likely be successful in that work regardless of the course he has studied."

That was the bill of goods the labour department and the national employment service said it would try to sell prospective employers. —United Press

## ROMAN HOLIDAY



A policeman in St Peter's Square, Rome, directs two Holy Year pilgrims to a place of interest. Tourists have been flocking to the Italian city in unexpectedly large numbers. (Acme)

## MALAYA JUNGLE FIGHTERS TO RECEIVE MEDAL

Two Parliamentary questions of interest to overseas soldiers were dealt with at Westminster recently.

Lord John Hope (Conservative, Edinburgh, Pentlands), Major Beamish (Conservative, East Sussex, Lewes), each put queries to the Prime Minister which, in effect, urged the granting of the General Service Medal to the Forces engaged in Malaya.

The Prime Minister replied that the King has approved proposals for the granting of this medal for special services in Malaya since June 16, 1948.

The White Paper issued on this subject indicates not only that the medal goes to men in the Army with one day or more on the posted strength of any unit or formation stationed in the Federation of Malaya or the Colony of Singapore, but it will also be granted to Ceylon Pioneers locally enlisted, Indian Medical personnel enlisted for service with the Army, and to civilians with 28 days' service in the Ferret Force or the Civil Liaison Corps. Policemen with three months' service can also qualify.

## ARMoured VEHICLES

Replying to a question by Leonard Gamman (Conservative, Hornsey), Mr Strachey, Secretary of State for War, said it would not be in the public interest to disclose the number of armoured vehicles held by the Army in Malaya, but urgent steps had been taken to comply with demands from the military authorities in the Far East for additional supplies.

Consequently, 56 armoured vehicles, including 25 armoured cars, had been dispatched and a further 60 will be shipped this month.

The repair programme for scout cars is also being ac-

celerated and it is hoped that 25 a month will shortly be going to Malaya. In addition, supplies of armour-plate and bullet-proof glass have been sent, in order to permit the conversion of a large number of unarmoured vehicles and to provide them with a measure of protection.

Mr Strachey added, however, that experience had shown the impracticability of armoured carrying vehicle since the weight involved exceeds the maximum load.

## COURTS MARTIAL

Replying to Mr Gerald Williams (Conservative, Farnbridge) who asked when the recommendations of the Lewis Committee on Army Courts Martial are expected to be implemented, Mr Strachey said a considerable number of the Committee's recommendations which do not require legislation have already been implemented by administrative action or amendment of the rules of procedure.

Decisions on the major recommendations of the Committee concerning the setting-up of a Court of Appeal and the reconstitution of courts-martial had been deferred until the Report of Mr Justice Phipps' Committee on the naval system had been received and considered. This latter committee's report was presented on February 21, and Mr Strachey promised to expedite the next stage.

## Backstage Blackboard Spells Doom

Theatrical stars in the Soviet Union who try to remain aloof from politics see their eventual doom inscribed on a special blackboard backstage, the former first tenor of the Moscow Bolshoi Theatre said in New York.

Ivan Jadan, who went to the United States as a displaced person after escaping from the Soviet Union in 1941, said every theatre has such a board—one side red, the other black.

Artists who too the Party line and are deemed politically safe are listed on the red side, he said.

Those who show insufficient active support of the regime see their names on the black side.

"After a while, those who stay too long on the black side disappear," he said.

CONSTANT PRESSURE Jadan said Russian actors and singers are under constant pressure to make political statements praising Sovietism and denouncing "enemies of the people." Sometimes, to preserve themselves, they are forced to denounce their own colleagues.

When the great Feodor Chaliapin died abroad, having rejected Communism, an article denouncing him appeared in the press over the name of one of the basses of the Bolshoi Theatre, Reizin.

Reizin had followed in Chaliapin's artistic footsteps, Jadan said. "The article was written for him, and he was made to sign it. Perhaps he did not even read it. The poor fellow felt so bad about it he almost fell ill."

Jadan said Russian artists live under class surveillance by the Party "cell." —United Press.

## Inquiry Into 'Camp For Tired People'

A Government store camp in the heart of the Chilterns is to be the subject of a Ministry of Town and Country Planning inquiry this month.

It is the Air Ministry's No. 3 Maintenance Unit, dispersed over several square miles in Bechwood, Goring Heath, Oxfordshire.

The camp was described as "the camp for tired people" by Captain C. J. Goldsmith, chairman of Honey rural council. He said at a meeting that there were young employees there who boasted of doing no work for three years.

"It is a byword for idleness and a cushy job," he said. "It has its own police force, fire brigade and large office, and canteen staffs, kept at public expense, who do nothing all day long."

"BIG BUSES" "Big buses take the staff to and from work from surrounding districts. Dozens of stoves, burning the best fuel, send smoke and fumes rolling across the countryside."

Honey rural council have sent resolutions of protest to the Ministries of Air, Works, and Supply.

They pointed out that there have been nearly £2,000,000 worth of stores lying idle in the huts which could have been of use to the public.

An Air Ministry official said that they had no comment to make on the council's views.

## INVADERS LAND IN WAR GAMES



"Invaders" hit the beach at Vieques Island, Puerto Rico, during the climax of "Operation Portex," the largest peacetime war games ever held by the U.S. Thousands of Army, Navy and Air Force men took part in the manoeuvre, both as defenders and attackers. (Acme)

## Nine Frenchmen To Climb Himalayas

Nine Frenchmen will risk their lives this Spring to climb the unexplored 26,810-foot Dhaulagiri, in the Himalayas, fifth highest mountains in the world.

The French expedition, including a tailor and two engineers, is the second from Paris to tackle the snowy wastes of the Himalayas, which have claimed the lives of 29 climbers. The party left Paris by plane on March 30.

Maurice Herzog, 31-year-old engineer in the French branch of the Goodrich Rubber Company, head of the expedition, said: "We hope to reach the summit—26,810 feet above sea level—around mid-day if all goes well."

If they do, it will be the first time man has attained the peak of a mountain more than 26,250 feet high. Many of the 29 killed in the Himalayas perished in attempts to climb Mount Everest, 29,002 feet high.

When asked about the danger involved, Herzog smiled and said: "We are very confident. We have the most modern equipment in the world—including 1,000 yards of nylon cord—and aside from excessive cold and possible avalanches we do not expect trouble."

## SCALED MONT BLANC

Herzog, a thin dapper man with a dark mustache, is the secretary-general of the French Alpine Club and the World High Mountain Group. He has already scaled the bare rock face of Mont Blanc and several other difficult peaks in Italy and Switzerland.

Other members of the expedition are Jean Couzy, also an engineer; three professional guides, Louis Lachenal, Gaston Rebuffat and Lionel Terny; a Parisian tailor, Marcel Schatz; a motion picture photographer, Marcel Ichac; an interpreter, Francis de Noyelle; and a doctor. The average age of the group is 28.

"We are going for the adventure," Herzog said. "Every climber dreams of the Himalayas. They are one of the last frontiers to be conquered. Science comes second. We plan to make many of the hidden valleys of Kailashnag at the base of Dhaulagiri, and make medical tests in the higher altitudes."

The expedition will take oxygen masks, specially made nylon and wool clothes and French R rations in its three tons of equipment. Rubber-

poled shoes will replace the old hob-nailed boots, now outdated. Cost of the expedition is 14,000,000 francs (about \$10,000), with the French Government paying almost half.

## SEVEN STAGES

Dhaulagiri, in Nepal, is one of the last Himalayan mountains open to foreign expeditions. Tibet, including Mount Everest, is sealed to foreigners.

Herzog said the group would go towards the summit in seven

stages, setting up intermediary camps at each stage.

"After the last stop, five of us—the hard core of the group—will try for the summit."

The World Almanac lists Mount Everest as the highest mountain at 29,002 feet. Second is Mount Godwin Austen in India, 28,250 feet; third is Kangchenjunga, in Nepal, at 28,140 feet; and fourth Makalu, between Nepal and Tibet, 27,700 feet.—United Press.

## THINK SHE'S TOO YOUNG



Shown playing with three of her tiny charges at a day nursery in Grays, England, is Marjorie Julia Evans, 21, and head matron at the school. The National Association of Nursery Matrons has protested against her appointment on the ground that a person as young as Miss Evans could not be sufficiently mature to head a staff of 11 persons in charge of 50 children. (Acme)

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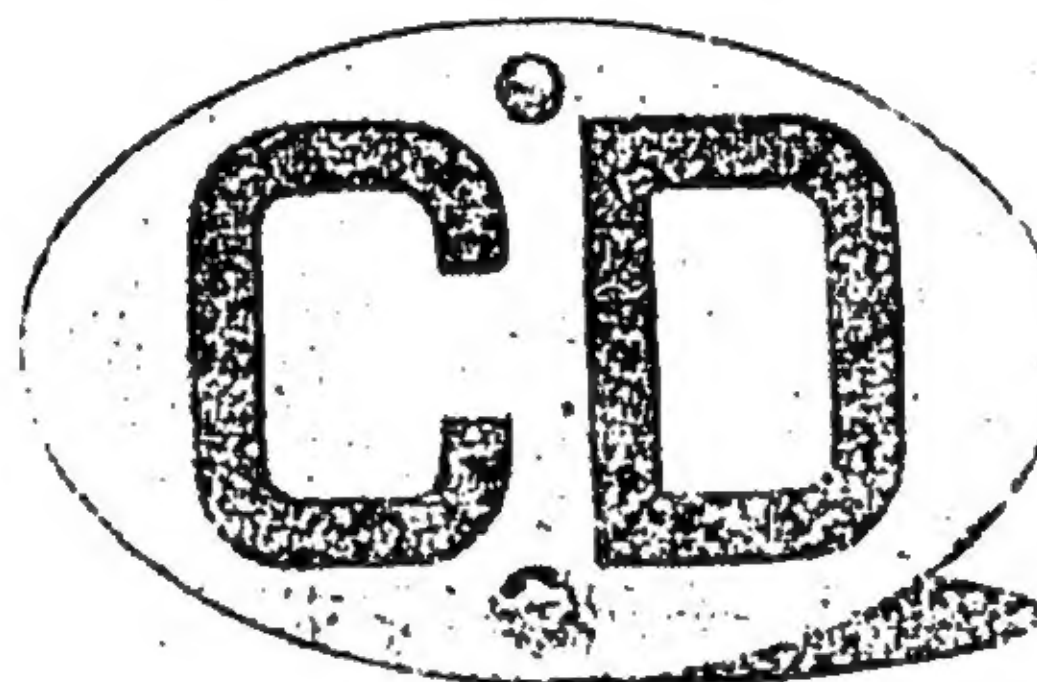


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IN A WORLD OF GILT CHAIRS, BRILLIANT WOMEN AND GUARDED DOORS.....

## Two letters are their passport to privilege



by  
**GEORGE BILANKIN**  
Author and correspondent  
among the Diplomatic Corps  
in London...

LONDON'S most select and officially pampered guests—you know them by the black and white CD which gives distinction and privilege to their cars—have twice been challenged recently.

Once, in a report that the Government is considering a plan to confine Iron Curtain diplomats to a 30-mile ring around London's Court of St James's.

And, again, in a question in the House of Commons. This suggested that since London's CD cars had increased from 294 in 1939 to 780 by last year, the whole question of privilege needed looking into.

Who are the 780, what do they get out of their privileges, and what is life like inside this exclusive circle?

Since the Russians are most closely concerned by the threatened cut in privileges, let us examine the headquarters of Stalin's men in London.

For them, life centres on Harrington House, No. 13, Kensington Palace-gardens, which atom spy Dr Emil Klaus Fuchs is reported to have visited.

Stalin's there

THIS grey, forbidding building looks like a Cromwellian fortress. The private road where it stands has uniformed guards, and is known as "millionaires' Row." It includes the embassies of France, Nepal, Iraq, Norway, and the legation of Syria.

The visitor to No. 13 climbs worn stone steps, and when he has rung the bell, is examined through a panel by English-speaking commissionaires speaking here from Russia.

Inside, the large lounge is solemnly gay with flowers in enormous bowls, with dark settees, with many easy chairs. A portrait in oils of the man of steel, Stalin, in top boots, dominates the room.

The lounge—roofed by 63 imposing glass panels—leads to the tidy study of Ambassador Georgi Zarubin, a wide-chested man, tall, with thick eyebrows. This once-starving orphan is now in Russia, returned, he says, on "personal business."

He left Moscow at 13, and out of his 15 roubles monthly spent five on evening classes in a secondary school. In 1918, at the age of 18, he was in the Red Army as a technical officer.

He went to London in 1946, after being principal of a section of the Markomindel (Russia's Foreign Office) and envoy in Canada.

He fishes a little, reads biographies, but not, he assured me coldly, "your study of Tito." Facing Mr Zarubin's garden is the sun loggia, the dining room. A staircase sweeps to the square gallery above.

Here are the offices for senior diplomats, the private flat for the Ambassador, and his library. Kitchens, lesser dining-rooms, garages are below stairs, close to Mr Malsky's famous air-raid shelter, where former U.S. Ambassador Joseph Kennedy badly bumped his forehead by forgetting the low ceiling.

About 60 Soviet men (and their wives) enjoy diplomatic privileges in London, and occupy several mansions in the same road.

How does this compare with the diplomatic missions of the U.S.A., in their "little America" in Grosvenor-square? The United States has about 200 on the official list entitled to full diplomatic favours.

The total number employed in the U.S. embassy is nearer 1,000, all entitled to limited privileges. Many of these Americans are working here for the U.S. armed forces and the Marshall aid delegations.

They have taken to parking their cars in double lines, presenting the passer-by with the finest crop of CD labels in London.

Another touch exclusive to the Americans is the "shop," where fresh meat (expensive) and all varieties of imported U.S. delicacies in tins are available unrationed to the staff.

What of the smaller nations? Haiti, the romantic Negro republic, has five privileged persons in London. One of them, Mlle. Giselle Duvigneaud—daughter of a French-speaking ex-editor who left his named as the "beautiful brunette" of the diplomatic colony.

### Contrasts

THE Bulgarians have four to five people here entitled to diplomatic privileges, the Poles 26 and sometimes 27 (including a woman as first secretary), the Panamanians seven, the Yugoslavs 23 (including two women on the diplomatic staff).

All together in Belgrave-square stand the embassies of Spain, Saudi-Arabia, Mexico, the Argentine and, at No. 1, the legation of Rumania.

Bearded, splendidly robed in long flowing silks, Saudi-Arabia's Sheikh Haidz Wahba has an unusual distinction for a diplomat. He was sentenced to prison by the deputies of King George V. in the Kaiser war and was decorated at Buckingham Palace by King George VI. with the K.C.V.O.

The most striking contrast in neighbours? Near the Russians is the home of Mme. Rene Massigli, the much-published French Ambassador. Her adventures in fashion and lavish entertaining give more than one woman's share of gaiety and brilliance to the diplomatic colony.

### Medals, stars...

THOSE, then, are some of the people—medalled, ribboned, and starred—who dominate a corps of 60 ambassadors, ministers and high commissioners in London, who in the news pages appear to step from a succession of flawlessly served courses in one dining room to another.

Outside wait the liveried chauffeurs, whose normal beat is from one piece of inviolable foreign territory to another.

The enviable CD plate on their cars offers more than a salute from the police. It means that their masters do not pay a tax on the car or buy a licence for it; they are not summoned for major or minor indiscretions.

### Petrol... food

THE envoys—but not lesser fish in the Diplomatic Corps—carry a splendid metal disc to show to any inquiring policeman; they also carry a generous allotment of petrol coupons, issued by the Foreign Office. There are extra food rations, too, for the Corps Diplomatique.

In their vast mansions, they live in a world dominated by gilt tables at which are served the world's best wines and spirits (at prices free of tax or duty for senior diplomats), and cigars of quality which they alone have sampled since 1939.

To all this—and to the burdens of diplomacy in a touchy world—the letters CD are the passport.

—London Express Service.

**C. V. R. Thompson**  
on tour

## Bill Garner finds oil very slippery

SNYDER, Texas. *Scoundrels of yours in England, and we will be where England is.*  
AFTER a night in this boom town I could of course tell all the usual stories about men who win sudden wealth.

But in Snyder, the Texas village which oil turned into a city almost overnight, I was more interested in two of its citizens who did not tell me the usual stories.

C. T. McLaughlin was one of them. He began this boom by striking oil on his ranch. The Diamond M.

And the first unusual fact in Mr McLaughlin's story is that he did not particularly want to strike oil.

At 60 he was already comfortably off. Earlier adventures in the oilfields, and had settled down to raise cattle "for fun."

But he let an oil company persuade him to drill.

TODAY there are 27 oil wells on his ranch and not a single cow.

I found Mr McLaughlin, wearing ranch clothes in his office, as worried as any magnate. But again he was unusual in that he was worried not about how much money to make, but about what to do with it.

"I am a rich man," he confessed "and it's time for us rich men in America to get some sense. It's no good just hanging on to our money."

HE ADDED: "We've got to do some good with it. That's the only way to keep out of life."

"We've got to help the boys who come out of the alleys to get somewhere."

"If we don't they'll all become long haired radicals like those

Scoundrels of yours in England, and we will be where England is."

MR McLAUGHLIN is certainly acting.

In the five hours I spent with him, I heard him—

Make arrangements to build Snyder a country club, provide an arena large enough for Joe Louis, to put on a fight, give a trophy for the best calf raised by a teenager, and endow a foundation to teach young Mexican labourers how to farm for themselves.

AT FIRST I did not think there was anything unusual about the other Snyder citizen, except that he was 91.

I was introduced to Bill Garner at a street corner. They told me he is a cousin of the man F. D. R. chose as his first vice-president.

Bill was staring out at the traffic with a distant look in his watery eyes. Still looking ahead of him, he said: "In me, sir, you see the unhappiest person in all Scurry County."

HE WENT ON in a monotone: "For 75 years me and the old woman had that farm. Every year we worked like heck, planted a little cotton and a little corn, raised a few hogs and a cow or two.

"And we had a little bitty market garden. Never made much, but enough to live on, and put by a dime or two.

A week before this boom we decided to retire and sell out."

I knew the rest. "And no," I said, "you are unhappy because you lost a fortune."

"Hell, no," replied Bill, looking straight at me now. "I am the unhappiest man in Scurry County because I ain't got a damn thing to do."

## Have you heard of a Sheelanagig?

By JAMES KITCHEN

MOST people have heard of Leprechauns at some time or other, but how many people have heard of a Sheelanagig?

Of all the strange archaeological finds made in Ireland during the past few centuries none is stranger than the remarkable series of sculptures discovered in the course of repair work being done on White Island, in Leath Eirne.

White Island is one of many islets situated in Castle Archdale Bay, on the eastern side of Lower Loch Erne.

It bears the relics, reduced to their foundations, of an early monastic settlement.

On the south side of this church there is a simple but very elegant Romanesque doorway—the only one of its kind in the province of Ulster.

In 1928 the repair of this church was undertaken. This involved the clearance of rubbish from the site and the removal of ivy and other destructive vegetation from the walls.

A SERIES of seven strange carved figures was then found built to the wall. Three of these figures had previously been known to exist and had been illustrated as long ago as 1801. They had been found by the owner of the island, lying loose in the ruins, and he had them fixed in the walls. The remaining four were new discoveries, and all seven now stand in a row to confront the visitor as he enters the church.

In the style of the carving these figures belong to a school entirely different from anything previously known and which gave us the sculptured crosses and doorways.

The heavy overhanging brows, the eyes formed by knobs in relief in the middle of deep hollows, the short noses and very long upper lips—some of them, suggests Professor R. A. S. MacAlister, the famous Irish archaeologist, in this respect present a curious anticipation of the stage-Irish face of the English "comic" papers and cartoons of about a century ago. The very prominent cheekbones and chin, all differentiate these figures from anything that is known elsewhere in Ireland. The treatment of the hair in two of the figures is also peculiar.

TWO things are obvious at first sight. The figures once supported something, for a mortice hole is cut in the top of the heads, and the church-builders who erected the Romanesque building were at once ashamed of them and also afraid, for they built them into the walls in such a way that they could no longer be seen.

But they dared not destroy them.

The first of these figures is one of those strange carvings which so frequently disconcert with a sense of incongruity when seen on buildings devoted to sacred use.

But what were these extraordinary figures made for? Are they merely frank outbursts by early artists with unstable minds, like the carvings sometimes to be seen under the misericords of ancient cathedrals? Or were they meant to avert the Evil Eye? To promote fertility? Or to scare away devils, Scandinavian pirates or other unwelcome intruders?

One guess would appear to be as good as another. — United Press.

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By Ernie Bushmiller





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## Trade Is Two-Way Street

—ACHESON

Washington, Apr. 3.—The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, today appealed to the United States to balance its trade with Europe and the world.

Addressing an Economic Co-Operation Administration staff meeting to mark the mid-point of the Marshall Plan, he said: "We recognize that trade is a two-way street, for us as well as for them, and that we bear a large responsibility for achieving a satisfactory balance of our trade with Europe and the world."

Mr. Acheson's remarks came within 24 hours after President Truman had directed Mr. Gordon Gray, retiring Secretary of the Army, to draw up a plan to help foreign countries find dollars to pay for American goods when the Marshall Plan ends in 1952.

### GREAT OBJECTIVE

With the revival of production in Western Europe, Mr. Acheson said, recovery in trade had now become the second "great objective" to which the Marshall Plan must be addressed in its remaining two years.

"The recovery of trade, however, is largely an international problem, requiring a high degree of co-operative give and take and difficult, even painful, adjustments," he said.

"We are aware that it is difficult for the governments of the participating countries, faced with large needs and inadequate resources, to risk in practice what their own self-interest commands."

Mr. Acheson warned against a relaxation of effort, both in the United States and in Western Europe, if the economic recovery sought under the Marshall Plan was to be achieved.

### LIGHTING PATH

He expressed confidence that with perseverance the participating nations would succeed in re-asserting the vigour of free institutions.

Despite efforts of the Communists to undermine the Marshall Plan, he said, it "lights a path to a future to which man can look with confidence for peace and order in a system based on freedom and justice."

He expressed regret that it had not proved possible for all the peoples of Europe, including those behind the Iron Curtain, to join hands in the Marshall Plan.—Reuter.

## H.K. BEATEN TO IT

London, Apr. 3.—Self-government for the West Indian colony of Trinidad and Tobago is proclaimed in an Order-in-Council laid before the United Kingdom Parliament today.

The new Constitution provides for an elected majority in the local Legislature instead of a majority of Government officers and nominated members. It also declared that the Executive Council, hitherto only a consultative and advisory body for the Governor, shall now be the principal instrument of policy.

First elections under the new Constitution are expected to be held in September.—Reuter.

## Flying Bixbys Turned Back

Calcutta, Apr. 3.—The "Flying Bixbys" returned to Calcutta today with engine trouble an hour after taking off on the 4,000-mile hop to Tokyo in their round-the-world record bid.

The Californian couple had done only about 200 miles eastward when they were forced to fly back to Dum Dum airfield. They expect to be able to get away for Tokyo tomorrow morning.—Reuter.

## Shah Of Iran On State Visit



The Shah of Iran attended many receptions and ceremonies during his recent State visit to Karachi, the main reception being given in his honour by the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, and the Begum Ali Khan, at which over 1,000 guests were present. The Shah is seen in picture surrounded by Pakistani ladies as he signs autographs during the reception. (London Express Service)

## Communist Activity In Madras Reported

### VIOLENCE SAID GROWING

Madras, Apr. 3.—Communist activity in the Andhra district of Madras Province had "reached the tempo and trend of guerrilla warfare," Professor N. G. Ranga, the Indian Member of Parliament, said here today. "Large bands of well-organised Communists make raids on villages and wreck vengeance on people who resist their demands for arms and booty," he said.

## CAWNPORE STRIKERS GO BACK

Cawnpore, Apr. 3.—Power station staff who struck today and cut current to factories and mills employing 60,000 hands went back to work unconditionally tonight.

The lightning strike was called in protest against the arrest of eight workers for an alleged conspiracy to damage the power house.

Mill hands stood idle during the night. Police pickets guarded the power station.—Reuter.

### BOMBAY'S MAYOR

Bombay, Apr. 3.—Bombay's Mayor, Mr. S. K. Patil, told the city's Municipal Corporation today it was his intention to invite London's Lord Mayor and New York's Mayor to attend an all-India conference of heads of local self-government institutions.

Mr. Patil was addressing the Corporation after his election as Mayor for the second successive year.

Mr. Patil said that the proposed conference, due to be held at Christmas this year, would discuss how best to make local bodies the real power of the people.—Reuter.

## Korea Premier Resigns

Seoul, Apr. 3.—Lee Bum Such, Prime Minister of the South Korean Republic, resigned today because he felt that his post was "beyond his capabilities."

Mr. Lee said that he was not a statesman and had only come to office as a leader during the Japanese occupation.

He became the first Prime Minister of the American-occupied Republic in August, 1948.

President Syngman Rhee accepted the resignation, which was not expected to mean a change of Government.—Reuter.

"Ransom is even being extracted from people for immunity from Communist attacks," he added.

Professor Ranga was speaking at a Press interview on a resolution passed today by the Executive Committee of the Andhra branch of the Indian National Congress Party, asking the Indian Government to "take over from the Madras Government the primary responsibility for maintaining law and order" in that part of Madras Province.

The resolution asked the Indian Government to step in to "fight the two-year-old Communist campaign of violence" in the area. It mentioned four districts bordering Hyderabad State as being affected by "lawlessness and violence."

### RED VIOLENCE

Professor Ranga said the Committee was convinced that it was "beyond the resources of the Madras Government to root out Communist violence."

Madras Law Minister, Mr. K. Madhava Menon, said later that the Andhra Congress Party's resolution was "absolutely un-called for."

Mr. Madhava Menon, who was commenting on the resolution in the absence of the Prime Minister, who is on a tour of the province, said that the Andhra Congress Executive Committee "showed a want of appreciation of what the Madras Government had been doing to put down Communist violence in those areas."—Reuter.

## LAMA RALLY IN KANSU PROVINCE

San Francisco, Apr. 3.—There was last month a mass rally at the Labrang Monastery, Kansu Province, in commemoration of the sixth reincarnation of the Living Buddha—Chamgyang—Peking Radio reported tonight.

It said that the rally was attended by 20,000 Tibetans and Mongolians and lamas of Kansu, Chinghai and Szechuan Provinces.

A telegram of greetings was sent by the rally to the Central People's Government saying: "We, priests and laymen, vow to unite and struggle to implement the common programme under the leadership of the People's Government and the Chinese Communist Party."

The Radio added that delegates of the Kansu People's Government and the Kansu Committee of the Chinese Communist Party explained in detail "the principles of equality, unity and mutual assistance between all nationalities as laid down in the common programme of the People's Political Consultative Conference."

It also said that the rally was conducted "in strict accordance with Tibetan religious customs."—Reuter.

## Conference Drafts Proposals For Dollar Oil Cuts

London, Apr. 3.—A secret Commonwealth oil conference ended in London today after deciding on concrete proposals to cut dollar purchases in favour of Sterling, it was learned here.

Delegates of nine countries unanimously approved a curtailment programme to be sent to their Governments for confirmation or otherwise.

## Christianity In Danger In Middle East

Vatican City, Apr. 3.—Pope Pius XII today marked the Vatican's continuing concern for the future of the holy places of Palestine by ordering that all alms gathered on Good Friday, the day commemorating the death of Jesus Christ, be devoted to their maintenance.

At the same time the authoritative Jesuit review, Civita Cattolica, protested strongly against the "deplorable Western indifference" to the Moslem and Zionist menace to the 2-500,000 Christians of the Middle East.

The review, believed to be closely supervised by the Pope himself, said that in Palestine not only were the holy places in danger but also the safety of thousands of Christian souls.

"The old Islamic fanaticism is not dead," the publication declared, "and it has recently appeared to be reviving virulently."

"Many Moslem statesmen and men of culture stand apart from this, but they form a small group removed from the mass of the people, in whom such violent fanaticism is being bred that conversion of one sole person, or even rumours of a conversion, give rise to the gravest disturbances."

The review added that the position of Christians in Syria and Persia, particularly in Azerbaijan, was the most difficult. "Nor is the general view of the situation of the Christians in the Arab countries a reassuring one. For the spirit of Islam, impregnated with Islamism," it said, "is a second peril, no less grave, now appearing on the Middle East horizon."

"This danger comes particularly from the youth which forms the Hebrew Army and which has profaned the things most sacred to Christians. 'Implicit in this development is the influence of Moscow already solidly enounced in Palestine, thanks to the Israeli Government's cession to the Soviets of all the Russian property hitherto in the hands of anti-Communist, monks.'—Reuter.

## RUSSIA'S 18TH WALK-OUT FROM U.N. MEETING

Lake Success, Apr. 3.—The Soviet Union and Poland walked out of the United Nations Social Commission today because China was represented there by the Nationalists and not the Communists.

The delegates, Mr. V. I. Formanov, representing the Soviet Union, and Mr. Julius Katz-Suchy, of Poland, both stalked from the room after the Commission had sustained by 12 votes to three, a ruling by the chair that the Russian demand for the expulsion of the Chinese Nationalist delegate was out of order.

This is the eighteenth time a Russian delegate has walked out from a United Nations body over the issue of Chinese representation.

The Social Commission comprises 18 members, but the representatives of the United States and New Zealand did not vote and the delegate from Iraq was absent.

Mr. W. G. Sutch of New Zealand was in the chair when the Commission convened, and ruled that the Soviet Union was out of order on the ground that the membership of the Commission was a matter for Economic and Social Council, its parent body.

Mr. Formanov challenged the ruling, which was then upheld by the Commission.

U.S. ATTACKED

Before he withdrew, Mr. Formanov stated briefly that the Soviet Government would not recognize as legal any decisions taken while the Chinese Nationalist delegate was present.

Mr. Katz-Suchy attacked the United States, condemning American "imperialism." He said the United States was "in a helpless rage and fury at the complete destruction of the dream of an American century of world domination."

Mr. Katz-Suchy also criticised countries which, he said, while recognising the Communist Government in China, had "failed to support their just demand for representation in the United Nations."

He said it was for the Chinese people to decide whether such an attitude was compatible with recognition of the People's Government of China.—Reuter.

SOCIAL RELIEF

Senor Jose A. Correa, of Ecuador, was elected chairman of the Social Commission in place of Mr. Sutch, who served last year.

Dr. Bharatar Kumarapur of India was elected first vice-chairman.

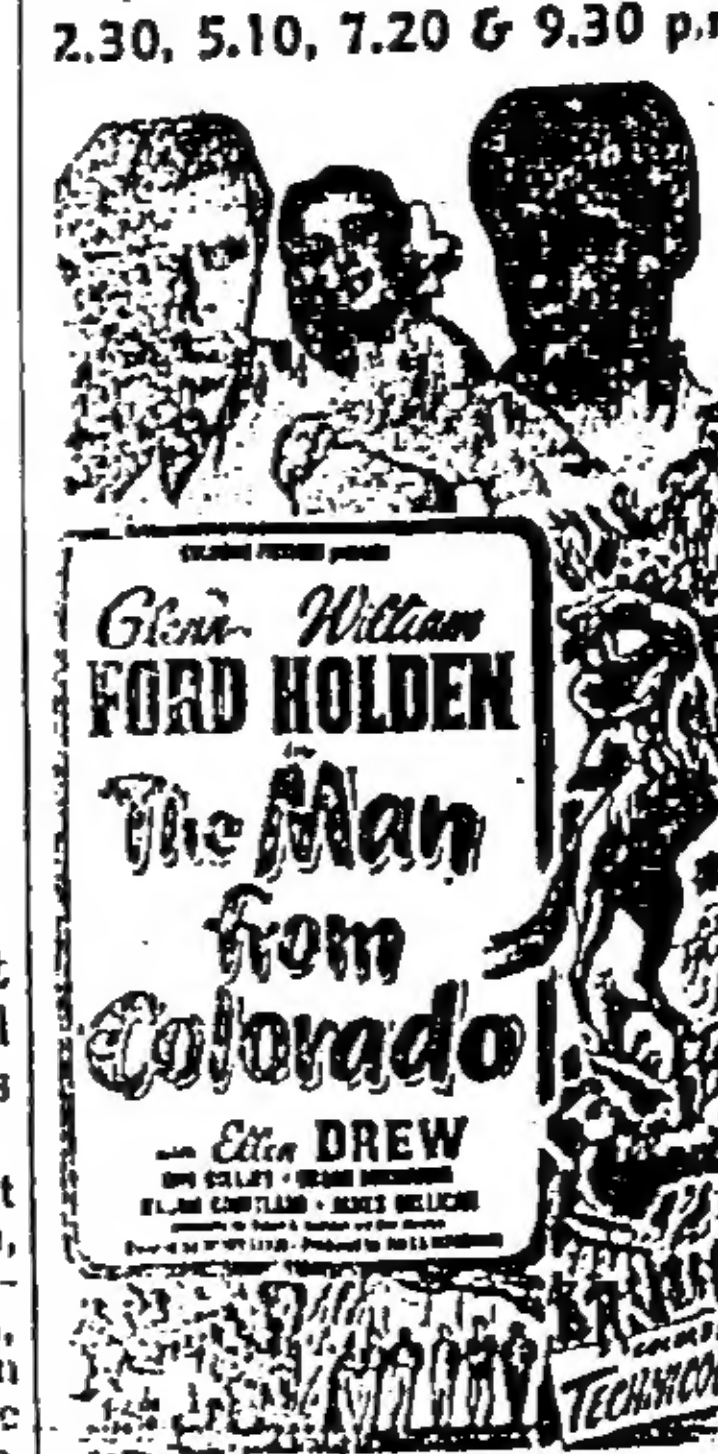
The main task of the Commission will be to draw up a long-range work programme of social relief in which particular attention will be given to the needs of children.

The Commission will also deal with special advisory services, such as the establishment of fellowships, and make recommendations for the rehabilitation of the blind and aid for the physically handicapped.—Reuter.

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I.e. D's speed is 5/4 of J's, and he was walking at 4 m.p.h. London Express Service.

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1. A bird is a large Australian kangaroo. 2. False. 3. A. An upstart; one risen into prominence through newly acquired wealth. 4. A rain cloud. 5. The Talmud. 6. Erlu.

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